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As Elba continues to lose officers to other agencies able to pay more money

Police Chief pleads with city council to help find a solution to the problem

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Police Chief Leslie Hussey pled with Elba City Council members Monday night, Aug. 9, to help him

find a way to pay his police officers more money in an attempt to stop the revolving door that continues to plague the department. "It is my place to take

care of our city just as it is you all," Hussey said during the council meeting. "You all have a heck of a burden looking after everyone, and I appreciate that. I know the

answer [to this problem], but how we arrive at it is up to you all."

The chief said the city had to find a way to offer police officers more money to keep them in Elba rather than going to other agencies where they can make much more money.

Hussey said he would be losing another officer as of the 17th of this month. With that, he said the police department would be down four officers, and on top of

that, he said he currently had one officer out of work with a shoulder injury and another out with COVID-19. Also, he said he currently had a dispatcher out with COVID too.

"This problem did not occur on your watch...I understand that," Hussey said to the council. "This is something that has been going on for years, but it has to be corrected. That is the burden on you all."

He said when the depart-

ment gets good, quality people that the city needs to be able to retain those employees.

"The people of Elba deserve quality officers and service just like anywhere else," Hussey said. "If these folks were leaving us for 50 cents or a dollar an hour, I couldn't understand that. But, they are leaving to go places making almost \$4

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THE ELBA FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED Monday morning, Aug. 9, to a vehicle fire at the Christian Mission store on Buford Street in Elba. The fire was reported at 11:25 a.m., and a short time later, the volunteer firemen had the blaze under control preventing it from spreading. It is believed the fire began as the result of an electrical or mechanical issue. The owner/driver of the vehicle was inside the Christian Mission store when the car began smoking and ultimately burst into flames. Reportedly, she had been to the grocery store prior to stopping at the Christian Mission store. The vehicle was a total loss, but no injuries resulted from this fire.

County BOE members approve TEAMS contract employments for ten teachers within system

The Coffee County Board of Education held its regular meeting for August inside a new classroom at New Brockton Elementary School on Thursday, Aug. 5, and following the meeting board members joined school officials for a ribbon cutting officially opening a new 12-classroom addition to the school.

During a work session prior to the meeting, board members were given explanation of TEAMS contracts, which stem from the Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) program. The program is an aggressive plan to combat an issue with unfilled math and science teacher positions in grades 6-12 all across the state.

For those who qualify to be a TEAMS contract teacher, those teachers could earn up to \$15,000 in additional pay each year through the TEAMS Salary Schedule Program, provided by the state.

It was explained to Coffee County BOE members that qualifying teachers within the school system sign three or five-year contracts. They are paid a supplement (stipend) to be a TEAMS contract math or science teacher.

As of last Thursday's work session, administrators said six science teacher slots had been applied for out of 13 total for the school system, and four math teacher slots had been applied for out of 13 total for the school system.

Chelbie Mobley, all teacher at Zion Chapel School.

Also, during the board meeting, three certificated personnel employments were approved. Carolyn Broaden was hired to be the federal programs and elementary curriculum coordinator for the school system. Teresa Deal was hired as a teacher at New Brockton High School, and Dillon Davis was hired as a teacher at Zion Chapel.

Regarding support personnel, the resignation of Brenda Senn, bus driver for Zion Chapel, was approved. Her last day of employment was Aug. 6th.

County Commissioners approve FY22 Transportation Plan During the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Aug. 9, county engineer Marty Lentz presented the Fiscal Year 2022 County Transportation Plan for approval. The plan included resurfacing projects on County Roads 107, 377, 418, and 147.

Total estimated cost for all these projects would be \$1,553,000 and would cover 12.78 miles of roadway in the county.

The County Road 107 project would be 3.92 miles of resurfacing and traffic striping from County Road 105 to County Road 110.



Kit Johnson (left), pastor of First Baptist Church Elba, is shown speaking to Coffee County Commissioners earlier this week about the upcoming REPRESENT event being planned by the Coffee County Baptist Association Youth Committee. Also pictured are commissioners Al Britt and Tom Grimsley and C.C. administrator Rod Morgan.

Coffee County Commissioners waive Farm Center rental fee for event

Local pastor speaks about upcoming REPRESENT event for teens

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday morning, Aug. 9, to waive the rental fee of the Farm Center for an event

coming up later this month that targets teenagers.

Kit Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church Elba, addressed commissioners Monday in his capacity as the chairman of the Coffee

County Baptist Association Youth Committee regarding the REPRESENT event set for Saturday, Aug. 28, from 3-5 p.m.

"The REPRESENT event is a county-wide youth event," Johnson said. "The idea behind this event is to allow teenagers to see they are not doing the Christian walk alone."

He said the event targets teenagers in grades 7-12, and it will include competitive games, along with a youth worship rally. Pastor Johnson will speak at the event, where he said he would connect REPRESENT with Jesus.

"We want to appeal to the competitive nature of teenagers by offering various competitions," he said.

"We don't want to just cater to one group of teenagers - we've got all sorts of competitions planned that will involve all in some sort of capacity."

Some examples of games planned include dodge ball, cornhole challenge, head up game, and are you smarter than a fifth grader game.

"We want the teenagers to come out and represent their school, community, and family, and compete to bring home the REPRESENT belt as the winner," Johnson said. "This is a points-based competition."

Once the competition is over, Johnson said Two or More would lead music

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Area Happenings

AMERICAN LEGION POST 42 ELBA will conduct its monthly meeting Saturday, Aug. 14, at 10:30 a.m., at the American Legion building. All members and veterans are encouraged to attend.

COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT WILL HOLD its monthly board meeting Thursday, Aug. 19, inside the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. The number of people that can occupy the room is limited so if those who plan to attend, should call 334-894-5581 extension 3.

A CHAMPIONSHIP RING CEREMONY will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m., inside the Elba High School auditorium for Elba High School's 2021 AHSAA Class 1A/2A State Champion Golf Team. The ring presentation ceremony is open to the public to attend.



NEW RESTAURANT OPENS IN ELBA...The Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday morning, Aug. 5, for Elba's newest eatery, Annie's Comfort Kitchen. A spin-off of longtime downtown Enterprise restaurant, Annie's Café, the new Annie's Comfort Kitchen in Elba is located at 987 Alabama Hwy 203 [as part of the Shoppes at Taylor Crossing]. Currently, the restaurant is serving lunch every Monday - Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Both Annie's Café in Enterprise and Annie's Comfort Kitchen in Elba are owned by the Larson family, and Elba's restaurant is managed by Caden Larson. Annie's Comfort Kitchen officially opened for business on Wednesday, Aug. 4th. Those joining the Larson family last Thursday morning for the ribbon cutting ceremony included Elba Mayor Tom Maddox [holding the scissors], U.S. Representative Barry Moore, and Elba Chamber of Commerce director Sandy Bynum Williams, along with other city and chamber leaders, Miss City of Elba Zoe Sanders, restaurant staff, and other friends.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"When a person can no longer laugh at himself, it is time for others to laugh at him." — Thomas Szasz

Moderna recommends a COVID booster shot. Medical experts think such action is premature. We had already decided to 'wait' before taking the booster until things are a bit less muddy. Most things, even a glass of water, can be dangerous if over indulged.

The Delta coronavirus variant continues to prove its threat as it races through the unvaccinated (and to a lesser degree - vaccinated) population at a disturbing clip. Then the news is filled with short bits about one or more variants that are beginning to move through the population. The world has long experienced new strains of the flu but they didn't crop up as quickly as these new variants of COVID 19. All this is noted but yours truly is ashamed to admit that we don't have a clue of how to solve this major health issue. Personally, it means a return to wearing the mask and all the other safeguards that have been recommended. That will not keep us immune but should reduce the odds of contracting (or transmitting) the virus.

Florida governor Ron DeSantis clearly has national political ambitions. Nothing else can explain to us as to the position he has taken on the COVID prevention suggestions. We predict that the long-term negative fallout from this virus will make his presidential ambitions just that . . . ambitions and nothing more. The same goes for the governor of Texas.

There has been flooding in Salt Lake City in recent days . . . is it possible this will help slow the continuing drop in water level in the Great Salt Lake? For several years Americans have been reading that the water level of this inland salt lake was continuing to drop. We were in that area several years ago and the idea of a flood - flash or whatever - in that part of Utah would have activated a not-so-quiet snicker from our mouth!

Our book reading has not slowed down, we have just neglected to talk about it. Last month the featured book was 'First Friends' about several presidents and their very closest friend and confidant (i.e. 'first' friend, a play on the term 'First Lady'). One interesting tidbit was that of all eight presidents featured in the book, only one of the 'First Friends' showed any personal political interest. James Madison was first friend to Thomas Jefferson and then president himself. Of course President Madison did not gain the fame that was poured on to his delightful wife Dolly. Anyone who has eaten a sweet snack from the grocery store knows the 'Dolly Madison' label. Not near that many know about President James Madison.

Deciding to get away from the political books for a while the next read was 'Mercury Rising' the story of America's entry into the space race. John Glenn and President Kennedy were the opening stars of the story but Glenn became America's hero all the way to the end of the book. But alas . . . there is no getting away from politics. It is amazing at the politics that were entwined in the United States' successful race into space and ultimately to the moon. A salute to author Jeff Sheson for his excellent job with this bit of history.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance and wash your hands AND get the shot(s)!

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month, and Governor Kay Ivey continues to encourage Alabamians to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Governor Ivey has been rooting for this vaccine since before it was even on the shelves. Her message remains simple and consistent: if you can get the shot, roll of your sleeve and get one.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, August 3, 2021, and Monday, August 9, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Aug. 3 — Harassment reported at 14621 Hwy 84 (4:01 a.m.); Animal complaint with impound at 375 Hwy 203 (8:15 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at 1620 Boswell St (1:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hickman Ave (4:43 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1222 Hickman Ave (6:28 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (10:14 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Adkinson Ave (11:01 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in one verbal warning, one written warning, and one arrest.

Wednesday, Aug. 4 — Suspicious person reported on Old Samson Rd (12:09 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 429 Claxton Ave N (2:37 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 329 Brunson Circle (5:55 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1215 Farris Ave (8:54 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 707 Kennedy Dr (2:17 p.m.); Animal complaint with impound at 1272 Ann St (3:25 p.m.); Gas leak reported at 529 Claxton Ave N (5:41 p.m.); Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St (8:50 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Reese Ave (9:45 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (11:09 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in an arrest.

Thursday, Aug. 5 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 105 Court Ave (2:41 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (5:35 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1207 Claxton Ave N (2:02 p.m.);

Suspicious circumstances reported at 1584 Caroline St (4:14 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (4:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 656 Reynolds Ave (8:29 p.m.); Prowler reported on Reese Ave (8:30 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 966 Old Samson Rd (10:15 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one verbal warning, and one citation.

Friday, Aug. 6 — Animal complaint with impound at 429 Plant Ave (8:07 a.m.); Animal bites reported at 1223 Ann St (9:17 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 5836 County Rd 364 (10:21 a.m.); Burglary reported at 144 Hwy 203 (11:57 a.m.); Animal complaint with impound at 342 Brunson Circle (2:28 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (2:38 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 469 Claxton Ave N (9:47 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 715 Troy Hwy (10:16 p.m.). There were nine traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in four written warnings, one arrest, one verbal warning, and three citations.

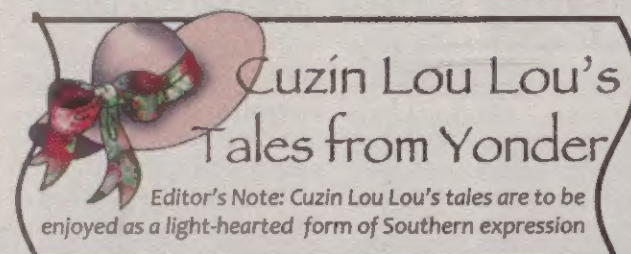
Saturday, Aug. 7 — Theft of property reported at 903 Brookdale Ave (11:40 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (1:40 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 2738 Hickman Ave (8:02 p.m.); Burglary reported at 2738 Hickman Ave (10:06 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two citations, and one written warning.

Sunday, Aug. 8 — Reckless driver reported on County Rd 376 (12:49 p.m.); Found property reported at 119 Old Samson Rd (2:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 632 Claxton Ave N (2:48 p.m.);

Suspicious person reported at 119 Old Samson Rd (6:36 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 343 Brunson Circle (7:46 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one advice given, one written warning, and one verbal warning.

Monday, Aug. 9 — Vehicle fire reported on Buford St in the Christian Mission parking lot (11:25 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Jones St (2:11

p.m.); Theft of property reported at 389 Old Samson Rd (2:42 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 333 Dr Roberts Dr (4:14 p.m.); Trespassing reported on Claxton Ave N (6:48 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1415 Jones St (8:35 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1021 Martin Luther King Dr (9:21 p.m.); Harassing communications reported on Ann St (9:26 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister ventured out with friends to a 'try-out' a Tuscan grill last weekend, and while Lou Lou thought the food was scrumptious, Sister was not too impressed. And, she let Lou Lou know it since it was Lou Lou's idea to try the place!

The Yonder crew, minus Papa and little Bean [they stayed at home for this trip] decided some really good Italian food would hit the spot last Saturday night, and since the group was 'out of town' for the weekend, Lou Lou went to the local restaurant reviews to find a recommended spot. The Tuscan grill she found seemed to be a favorite for many, so, she convinced the crew to load up and head on over to the joint.

Sister was caught off guard and looked like a deer facing headlights when the first question asked as the crew entered the restaurant was, "Do you have a reservation?" Country had come to town because the crew was not expecting that nor were they necessarily 'dressed'

for the place.

One member of the crew wanted to know, "Do we need reservations?" But, the maître d assured everyone that it was 'okay' to be there without a reservation, and she promptly moved to sit the Yonder crew, a party of four including Lou Lou and Sister along with friends.

Lou Lou looked around and assured the group they were fine...even little man who was decked out in his athletic shorts and t-shirt. Sister and little man's mom were too sure they believed Lou Lou, but it was too late to turn back now!

The waitress came and filled the water glasses, took drink orders, and then delivered a table serving of bread. Along with the bread came an olive oil dip — that one had Sister giving Lou Lou a suspicious eye to which Lou Lou said, "Just be gentle with it, and everything should be good. You just don't want to oil it up too much!"

Sister did not find that one funny.

Lou Lou ordered an appetizer for the table — fried ravioli, and it was wonderful! Yet, Sister did not agree. She didn't like the cheese inside the fried ravioli.

Sister ordered a salad, and again, it was only okay. It was one of those famous 'weed salads' so Lou Lou was glad she did not go that route!

Knowing the crew better stay on safe ground, especially since Sister was already giving Lou Lou the "I can't believe we listened to you" look, the table order a pepperoni pizza to share for the meal's entrée. Finally! Something Sister agreed was delicious!

Before the meal was completed Lou Lou decided that she and little man were the two most 'refined' at the table, however, the other two quickly said that was a big 'ole NO! The funniest part of the experience was when the waitress let the table know there was a special appetizer for the night...she began explaining and as soon as Lou Lou heard the word escargot, she politely let the waitress know that would be an "escar-NO: for their table. Overall, Lou Lou enjoyed the meal, and she would definitely return, but, someone else is going to have to accompany Lou Lou on that next trip because Sister let her know in no uncertain terms that she would not be returning. Lou Lou thinks she was just mad because she was unprepared to be asked about having reservations...she should have lagged behind and not been the first one in the door!

Lou Lou has always known Sister is a 'picky eater' but she really showed it in visiting the Tuscan Grill. No Italy visit in her future!!

Oh well...Sister got Dippin Dots later that night, and all was right in her world again! Until next time...Keep Smiling and God Bless!!

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A RIBBON CUTTING WAS HELD last Thursday evening, Aug. 5, on the campus of New Brockton Elementary School celebrating completion of construction for a new 12-classroom addition at the school. School board members, Superintendent Kelly Cobb, former superintendent Kevin Killingsworth, local queens and others gathered around the ribbon as Principal Holli Richardson made the official cut. New Brockton Elementary staff, town leaders, and local supporters also were in attendance for this special occasion. Afterwards, all were invited inside to take a tour of the new facility. School began Friday, Aug. 6, and students entered the hallway of the new addition for the first time.



THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening, and this meeting was held inside one of the new classrooms of the new classroom facility at New Brockton Elementary School. Pictured above is Superintendent Kelly Cobb and board chairman Brian McLeod during the meeting.



COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION chairman Brian McLeod (right) and vice chairman Galen McWaters (back) made a special presentation last Thursday evening to former superintendent Kevin Killingsworth. He was presented a plaque in appreciation of all his hard work throughout the construction of the new 12-classroom addition at New Brockton Elementary School.

POLICE

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and hour more."

The chief also said he could not blame the agency that is getting the officers. He said he wishes he had the ability, like that agency, to "cherry-pick" the smaller agency and go after their best people. He said everyone is having trouble these days and being able to get quality officers from other agencies is part of the game, one Elba is losing the battle too.

"Maybe we can't hire anybody, but maybe we can

keep the ones we do have," Hussey said. "Like I've said...I know it's a heck of a burden and money is tight, but we've got to do something. We are just throwing money down a rabbit hole right now."

The chief said he would be glad to sit down with the council and discuss whatever could be done to try and fix this problem, but he said he feels strongly that something must be done so that the people of Elba will get the quality service they

deserve.

In other business regarding the police department, the council approved a request from Chief Hussey to declare Car 3 [a Dodge Charger] as surplus equipment to allow it to be sold to a small municipality in Covington County in the amount of \$3,000 [upon approval by that town's council].

Hussey said he would be asking the council to surplus more of the Dodge Chargers in the near future.

Coffee County BOE plans FY2022 budget hearings

The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2022 on Thursday, September 2, at 12 noon. The budget hearing will be held at the Coffee County Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama, during a special Board Meeting.

The second public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Coffee County Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama, during a regular Board Meeting.

Community colleges to offer STEM dual enrollment scholarships

In response to the Legislature's expansion of opportunities that encourage a stronger employment focus for math and science teachers and other STEM-related fields in the state, the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) has expanded dual enrollment scholarships to high school students who are interested in taking college-level STEM courses through their local community college.

"Dual enrollment courses are a tremendous benefit to students as they not only provide a means to college credit but also allow high schoolers the opportunity to take in the college experience," said ACCS Chancellor Jimmy H. Baker. "Dual enrollment classes at community colleges are particularly beneficial as they're offered with the same one-on-one attention and smaller class sizes that students can expect at our colleges across the state. We are grateful to the Alabama Legislature for increasing this funding to allow even more Alabama students to participate in this valuable learning opportunity." Dual enrollment gives Alabama's high school students access to college-level classes that apply to credit in both high school and college at the same time. Unlike AP honors classes in high school, a student's grades for dual enrollment classes

work are the only factor in determining whether the student receives full college credit for the class. The dual enrollment classes are delivered through a variety of methods, including high school students attending the local college in-person, online, or a college instructor traveling to the local high school or career center to teach.

The scholarships, which

will be awarded as early as the Fall 2021 semester, cover several classes in science, technology, engineering and math that can transfer to a four-year university and be used to complete a two-year associate degree by the time a student graduates high school. Classes in which students may receive

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Good Relief in Expressing Feelings

Too often, we think of grief as a negative thing. It's more accurate to say grief is a necessary and healthy way to process negative feelings. While it is uncomfortable to experience grief, it is a positive thing because it starts you on the road to healing.

When you lose a loved one, it can have a disruptive impact on your emotional and mental health, leaving you feeling unmoved. Keeping those negative feelings bottled up will only make the problem worse. The grieving process is how negativity can be properly channeled, articulated, and dealt with - paving the way for healing.

For this reason, the worst thing you can do during the grieving process is to try to stifle your emotions or bottle your feelings. Attempting to "keep it to yourself" means those negative feelings churn and rage inside you, which can have a corrosive impact on your well-being.

It's okay if there are days or even seasons when you don't want to talk about the way you're feeling - but ultimately, grief is something that needs to be processed out loud, whether that means talking with a close friend, a therapist, or the members of a grief support group.

Additionally, remember that grief can have different stages - and all of these stages can be good in their own way. Depression, denial, and anger can all be part of the grief journey. None of these emotions are particularly fun, but they can be helpful. Each one represents your mind trying to work out the sensation of loss.

Grieving is always tough, but it can also be productive - ultimately moving you into a healthier headspace. As you go through the good but hard process of grieving, remember to show yourself some patience and some grace.

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COY HARRISON

Mr. Coy Harrison, age 93, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021, at his home.

Mr. Harrison worked as a machinist at Dorsey Trailers, and he retired after 42 years with the company. He spent his free time farming and could often be found tending his garden. He enjoyed fishing, and just being outside in general.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10, 2021 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Harrison was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Imogene "Jean" Tanner Harrison; by his parents, Lester and Escar Harrison; along with three brothers, and two sisters.

Survivors include his son, Terry Harrison; and daughter-in-law, Michelle Harrison; granddaughter, Tiffany Marie (Tony) Harrison; and great-grandson, Eli Harrison, all of Elba; along with two step great-grandchildren, Owen and Evan Harrison.

DANNY WAYNE LEE

Mr. Danny Wayne Lee, age 67, of Slocomb, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021, at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, at 11 a.m., from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Kit Johnson officiating. Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife: Shirley Lee, Slocomb; daughter: Kristina (Danny) Lee, Rehobeth, Ala.; son: Vince (Carla) Lee, Slocomb; sisters: Darnett Campbell, Elba, and Tracey Cotton, Ozark, Ala.; brother: Edward Lee, Slocomb; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

RICHARD KILCREASE

Mr. Richard Kilcrease, age 64, of Brantley, Ala., died Saturday, August 7, 2021, in Andalusia Manor.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, from Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel in Opp, Ala., with burial following in Pine Level Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday evening [Aug. 16th] from 6 until 8 p.m. at Wyatt Funeral Home.

He was preceded in death by his father, Buster Kilcrease.

Survivors include his children: Kristen Kilcrease, Kortney Kilcrease and Kaleb Kilcrease; and mother: Mary Louise Bane Kilcrease.

VIRGINIA BOUTWELL BARLOW

Mrs. Virginia Boutwell Barlow, age 98, of the Basin Community, died Thursday, August 5, 2021, at her home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021, from Basin Baptist Church with Shaun Moore and Chris Adams officiating. Burial followed in New Home Cemetery with Wyatt Funeral Home of Opp directing.

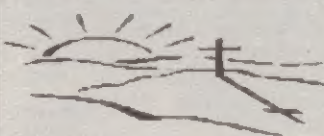
Memorials may be made to New Home Cemetery Fund c/o Keith Boutwell, 3290 Co Rd 415, Elba, Alabama 36323.

Mrs. Barlow was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Barlow; stepdaughter, Lanette Boutwell; and parents, Lillie Flowers Boutwell and Noah Washington Boutwell.

Survivors include her son: Glen Barlow and wife, Bobbie; stepdaughters: Betty Sue Boutwell, Mary Frances Spurlin [husband, Jerry], Shirley Ann Collier [husband, Jack], Linda Davis [husband, Charlie], and Janice Sanders; grandson: Jeremie Bryan [wife, Melanie]; great-grandson: Mason Bryan; and numerous step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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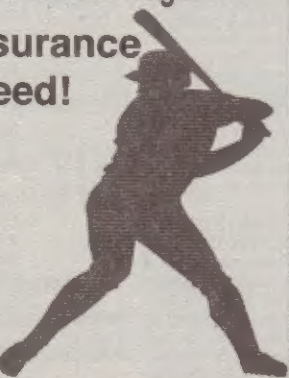
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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Jon Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
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Have You Reached Your Limit?

The term "Load Limit" refers to the weight or force something can endure without breaking down. Many things have an assigned load limit: bridges, airplanes, chairs, etc. We seldom think about this until we are standing at the back of a crowded elevator. A bridge may not collapse the first time an overweight truck travels across it, but damage is likely to occur, which could make a catastrophic failure more likely.

Did you know humans have load limits as well? I am not talking about how much physical weight a person can carry, I am referring to stress, mental strain, and emotional weight. There is no medical or psychological standard rating I am aware of, but each of us can only take so much before we breakdown.

Life can get heavy in a hurry. It could be sickness, a family tragedy, financial distress, problems on the job... these are just a few of the things which can weigh a person down until they are in danger of exceeding their "load limit."

In Psalms 61:2, David wrote, "From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

David was a man who knew about living under a load. Growing up, he had several older brothers; this made him the "low man on the totem pole" when it came to the day-to-day operations of the family business. As a young shepherd, David had to protect his flock from predators. At an early age, David had fame thrust upon him. He had the unbelievably hard job of being the assistant to an insane king, who would also become his insane father-in-law. David also suffered through marital problems. Then there were those troublesome Philistines! In fact, the word "overwhelmed" is in the KJV only eight times, and all eight are in the Psalms.

In Psalm 61:2 David demonstrates how to survive those overwhelming moments. First, he knew he needed the rock. The rock was his place of stability and security; strong enough to stand against any upheaval. Second, the rock must be higher than we are, above our wisdom, above our abilities. Third, David needed God to lead him to that rock. In times of crisis, we must be careful that our desire to flee, doesn't overcome our ability to trust. I love the words of the beloved hymn *Living by Faith*, "I know that He safely will carry me through, No matter what evils betide; Why should I then care though the tempest may blow, If Jesus walks close to my side."

Friend, maybe you feel you are nearing your "load limit." Perhaps you feel that a breakdown is inevitable. If so, take the words of The Lord Jesus to heart, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Jesus Christ is our rock!

Prayer Walk for [all] Schools set for Sunday, Aug. 22, in Coffee County

The Coffee County Baptist Women on Missions group announces plans for the Prayer Walk 2021 at schools in Coffee County.

The Prayer Walk will be Sunday, Aug. 22, at 4 p.m. at all city and county schools, including Elba City Schools, Enterprise City Schools, Coffee County Schools [Kinston, Zion Chapel and New Brockton], and Enterprise

State Community College. All denominations are invited to come participate. Gather at the school of choice and join others in praying for the new school year. The focus will be to pray for God to intercede and protect the children, teachers, administrators, and other leaders.

There will be a group leader at each school on Sunday, Aug. 22, beginning at 4 p.m.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter
897-3611



Scripture: The Beginning of Knowledge [Proverbs 1:1-7]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Mavis Ernestine Kelley, Maria K. Duncan, Barbara M. Stephen, Mamie Belcher, Sharon Fitch, Faye Manning, Wendy Wood, Vincent Smith, Ebony Allen, Ziyah E. Kelley

August Birthdays / Anniversaries

Lacy N. Kelley 8/3
Ruby H. Ellison 8/3
Perry R. Stinson 8/4
Former President Barack Obama 8/4
Annie Pearl Carpenter 8/4 in memory
Don Horstead 8/6 in memory
Bradley Belcher 8/8
Bria Culver 8/9
Elder J.C. Rogers 8/9
Myron/Maria Duncan 8/9 W.A.
Ola Woods 8/10
LeRay Smedley 8/10

Baby Dedication?

Christian parents know that children are a gift from God. Parents know that they are charged with teaching their children to follow Jesus. But what is the best way to make this commitment publicly? Some churches have "Baby Dedication Sunday." Even so, very few parents would presume that babies can be "dedicated" to specific service of the Lord as Hannah dedicated her future son. To recognize this fact, some churches have "baby introduction Sunday" where the attending adults — particularly the parents — dedicate themselves to instructing the child in the Christian faith. The result is more of a "parent dedication Sunday."

But what happens next? How do we daily demonstrate in concrete ways

our dedication to raising children in the fear of the Lord? — J.E.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 8/12/21

Use your concordance to answer the questions

Q: When Jesus asked His disciples: "Who do men say that I, the son of man am?"

A: Simon Peter's answer was: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Matthew 16:16

Q: After Jesus had been crucified, what did the soldiers do with his garments?

A: "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." John 19:24

Q: After Cain killed Able, the Lord asked Cain: "Where is Able your brother?" What was Cain's response?

A: "I do not know, am I my brother's keeper?" Genesis 4:9

Questions for the Week of 8/19/21

Fill in the Blanks

Q: The Lord's Prayer begins, "Our Father which art in heaven _____ be thy name."

Q: It was in the heart of _____ to build a house for the name of the Lord.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Church
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with Us!

IT'S TIME TO REPRESENT
for you, your school, your community

WHO: COFFEE COUNTY JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOLS

WHAT: MULTIPLE COMPETITIONS, CHAMPIONSHIP BELT, & BRAGGING RIGHTS

WHO WILL TAKE HOME THE BELT??

WHEN: AUGUST 28, 2021
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

WHERE: NEW BROCKTON FARM CENTER

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For more info, contact Kit Johnson at 334-449-3204 or search "Represent Event" on Facebook

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EVENT

worship and then he would speak. Also, he said there would be door prizes given out throughout the event, and free food [hamburgers and hot dogs] at the end.

Johnson said the desire is for the event to be enjoyable enough that the Coffee County Baptist Association Committee can offer it multiple times per year; however,

for this first one, he asked commissioners to consider waiving the rental fee. His request was approved by unanimous consent.

For more information, contact Kit Johnson at (334) 449-3204 or search "Represent Event" on Facebook.

Who will take home the belt and bragging rights?

Church Directory

<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Harry Driggers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLE AME CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Paul Jackson, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 4:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adeock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers: Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATHER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS COGIC James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Bib. Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Tommy Green, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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LIFESTYLES



GIANT WATERMELONS! Silas Simmons is pictured above with his two great grandchildren, Colie Boutwell (3 months) and Bella Boutwell (6 years), with their 2 BIG watermelons. One weighed in at 142-pounds while the other was 124-pounds.

Club Yesepoch awards two \$1,000 scholarships

Club Yesepoch Inc. has announced the recipients of the annual 2021 Scholarship Awards.

The awardees, Collin Harrison and Isaiha Baxter, two outstanding high school graduates in the local area, will be eagerly embarking upon new educational journeys this fall.

Collin Harrison, the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship, has been accepted at Troy University where he will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree with plans to progress further toward a Master of Science in Nursing degree as a Nurse Practitioner. He is the son of Kayla Harrison.

"Even though I have taken numerous medical courses throughout high school, after dealing with COVID for an entire year, this was the deciding factor that helped me to make up my mind and enter into the field of Nursing," Harrison said.

Collin, a 2021 graduate of Elba High School, Elba, Ala., has excelled as a student and as a humanitarian evidenced through his completion of honors courses, his providing tutorial services to struggling students, his extensive memberships and leadership roles as well



Collin Harrison



Isaiha Baxter

as community service.

Isaiha Baxter, the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship, has been accepted at Alabama A&M University where he will pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is the son of Brinda Baxter.

"I am grateful for this wonderful opportunity to attend my dream school, Alabama A & M University and major in Mechanical Engineering following my mother, brother and sister's footsteps of attending and graduating college," Baxter

said.

Isaiha, a 2021 graduate of Carroll High School, Ozark, Ala., has persevered as a student and a humanitarian, exemplified through his membership in multiple honor societies, his participation in numerous organizations, and his fulfilling service in the workforce paralleled with assuming responsibility as a student.

Club Yesepoch Inc. is a non-profitable, charitable organization composed of black women in the City of Enterprise.

Hours of Operation for Elba Public Library

The Elba Public Library is open during the following hours during the week:
Mondays: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Tuesdays: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.;
Wednesdays: 8 a.m. – 12 noon; Thursdays: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Fridays: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

CCRC meeting set for Aug. 14th

The Coffee County Republican Club [CCRC] will meet Saturday, Aug. 14, at 8:30 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club.

The guest speaker will be State Representative Wes Allen, candidate for Alabama Secretary of State – the Constitutional office responsible for running elections in the state.

This meeting is open to the public. For information, call 334-494-2427.

Mark Those Calendars!

Foggy Bottom Cruise In 2021

set for

Saturday,

Nov. 6th

9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

On the Square in

Downtown Elba

**** Presented by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers**



OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S AWARD...At the noon meeting Tuesday, Aug. 3, of the Elba Rotary Club, President Steve Reneau (left) presented Past President Ken Wilson (right) with a Presidential Gavel Award in appreciation of his service during the 2020-2021 Rotary year. Reneau is pastor of Elba United Methodist Church and Wilson is pastor of Westside Baptist Church.



Elba Classmates enjoyed breakfast at Juliette's Restaurant...Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 gathered earlier this week for breakfast at Juliette's Restaurant in Elba. Among those in attendance were: David Blackmon, Terry Calhoun, Jackie Tindol, Butch Oggs, Merrill Shirley, Jerry Brown, Harry Young, Billy Smith, Eddie Thompson, Bobby Edmonson, and guest Sammy Edmonson.

Elba Public Library hosts Bilingual Story Time on Mondays

On Mondays, the Elba Public Library hosts Bilingual Story Time for children in grades 2-6. This will be held from 4-5 p.m.

The goal is to teach children the corresponding language. A story will be read in both English and Spanish, and there will also be fun activities and a snack.

This program is sponsored by a grant from the Public Library Association's Inclusive Internship Initiative. For questions, call (334) 897-6921 or email: library@elbaal.gov

Landmark Park to host Bluegrass Festival

Landmark Park in Dothan, Ala., will host a Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Visit Landmark Park for live music all day from The Byrd Family, Cedar Creek, Southern Gentleman, Benton Brothers and Company, and East Wind Bluegrass Band. Plus instrument demos, food trucks, kids activities, vendors and more.

Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and military; \$4 for kids; free for park members and children 2 and under. Bring those lawn chairs. Admission includes a wristband for re-entry.

Lifestyles News

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Elba Chamber of Commerce temporarily moving to an office at Moseley Photography, located on Factory Avenue!



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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) recommend the following vaccines for adolescents:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis
- Human papillomavirus
- Meningococcal disease
- Influenza



For more information, please visit alabamapublichealth.gov/imm

Alabama Mayors' Challenge encourages COVID vaccination increase by Labor Day

More than 30 percent of Alabama's mayors have signed up during the last several days to help encourage Alabamians to get vaccinated, and others are joining daily.

The local leaders have enrolled in the We Can Do This Alabama Mayors' Challenge, an attempt to get a 20 percent increase in vaccinations by Labor Day, Sept. 6.

"With COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations dramatically increasing in our state, we are calling on everyone in a leadership position to help us fight this virus," said Dr. Donald Williamson, president of the Alabama Hospital Association, and speaking on behalf of the We Can Do This Alabama Coalition. "At this point it is about sharing information on a personal level, encouraging those with hesitation to talk with their doctor and other vaccinated friends and family members. We know that our mayors are trusted and respected in their communities, and we are extremely grateful for those who are stepping up to help."

Mayors who wish to par-

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Salary: Based on experience and qualifications.

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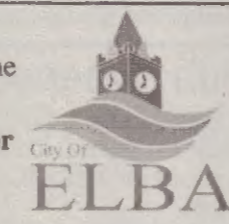
www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities.

All applications should be submitted to City Hall either in person or via email to: info@elbaal.gov.

EOE

The City of Elba

is accepting applications for the position of Nutrition Aide for the Senior Citizens Center



Opening Date: Immediately.

Closing Date: Aug. 24, 2021

This position is considered a full-time position at 32 hours per week.

Job Summary: Assist with the distribution/serving of meals provided by the nutrition program. Additionally, assist with the physical appearance and condition of the Center by keeping it clean and orderly. This position may also assist the Van Driver with delivery of meal from time-to-time.

Qualifications: Must have a valid Alabama Driver's license and a clear MVR. Must be able to pass a background check. Experience working with the elderly is preferred.

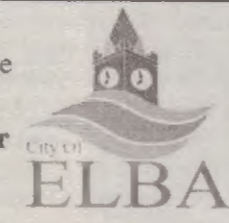
Benefits: The City of Elba offers free employee health and dental insurance from BCBS; state retirement, and paid vacation, holidays and sick time.

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The City of Elba

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Opening Date: Immediately.

Closing Date: Aug. 24, 2021

This is a part time position

Job Summary: Involves the transportation of elderly clients to and from the center. Will also assist with the distribution/serving of meals provided by the nutrition program. Additionally, will assist with the physical appearance and condition of the Center as requested.

Qualifications: Must have a valid Alabama Driver's license and a clear MVR. Must be able to pass a background check. Desire experience working with the elderly.

Applications are available at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, or online at www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities. All applications should be submitted to Elba City Hall or may be emailed to info@elbaal.gov with the subject line "Van Driver."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Cargill and Continental Grain Company acquire Sanderson Farms creating leading U.S. poultry company

Cargill, Continental Grain Company, and Sanderson Farms, Inc. (NASDAQ: SAFM) announced this week they have reached a definitive agreement for a joint venture between Cargill and Continental Grain to acquire Sanderson Farms for \$203 per share in cash, representing a total equity value for Sanderson Farms of \$4.53 billion.

The purchase price represents a 30.3% premium to Sanderson Farms' unaffected share price of \$155.74 on June 18, 2021, the last full trading day prior to media speculation about the potential sale of Sanderson Farms; a 22.8% premium to the Sanderson Farms 30-day volume weighted average price ("VWAP") as of June 18, 2021, and a 15.2% premium to the all-time high share price as of June 18, 2021. Upon completion of the transaction, Cargill and Continental Grain will combine Sanderson Farms with Wayne Farms, a subsidiary of Continental Grain, to form a new, privately held poultry business.

The combination of Sanderson Farms and Wayne Farms will create a best-in-class U.S. poultry company with a high-quality asset base, complementary operating cultures, and an industry-leading management team and workforce. The new company will be well positioned to enhance its service to customers across retail and food service and drive organic growth in an industry fueled by affordability and key consumer trends around the health, sustainability, and versatility of chicken.

"Since my grandfather founded Sanderson Farms 75 years ago, our many significant achievements have been driven by our commitment to providing the very best chicken products in a profitable manner that benefits each of the constituents who contribute to our success. This transaction is the culmination of that commitment, as it delivers a significant value to our stockholders, reflecting the dedication of our team, and our best-in-class assets, quality products, efficient and sustainable operations, and respected brand," said Joe Sanderson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sanderson Farms, Inc. "We are proud

to be joining with Cargill and Continental Grain and we are confident that they will be strong stewards of the Sanderson Farms team, brand and assets going forward. As part of the newly created company, Sanderson Farms and its new owners will remain committed to the employees, poultry producers, customers, communities, environment, and animals under our care, and to continuing to deliver the highest quality products and the best service in our industry to our customers."

"We are very happy to partner with Cargill with whom we have had a decades-long relationship between two family-owned companies. Sanderson Farms' operations, best-in-class assets and valuable brand have underscored their success, and we have the highest respect for Joe Sanderson, and the business and team he has built as the third generation CEO," said Paul Fribourg, Chairman and CEO of Continental Grain. "Wayne Farms has been one of the most important and successful parts of Continental Grain for almost 60 years, so bringing together two great partners with two great poultry companies will ensure good things for our customers, our grower partners, and our employees."

The new company will have state-of-the-art operations and will continue to invest in its workforce and in employee safety. Operations will include poultry processing plants and prepared foods plants across Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas.

"At Cargill, we are committed to nourishing the world in a safe, responsible and sustainable way," said David MacLennan, Chairman and CEO of Cargill. "Expanding our poultry offerings to the U.S. is a key enabler of our ability to meet customer and consumer demands. With these great businesses, and our strong partnership, we believe we will deliver a superior portfolio of products and services to our customers."

Cargill expects to support the new joint venture with its longstanding relationships with retail and foodservice customers. Wayne Farms, part of Continental Grain's food,

agriculture and commodities investment portfolio since 1965, has roots in the poultry industry that go back more than a century.

Cargill and Continental Grain have long histories of investing and partnering with American farmers and are dedicated to strengthening the food and agriculture industries for the benefit of consumers and growers. Their shared culture, built on the principles of supporting farmers and communities, complements Sanderson Farms' reputation as one of the industry's most respected operators. Sanderson Farms' strong brand, reputation, and best-in-class assets will remain a core part of the combined company. In addition, Wayne Farms' deep customer relationships across the food service sector complement Sanderson Farms' diverse grocery and retail relationships.

The transaction is expected to close by the end of 2021 or early 2022, and will be subject to regulatory and Sanderson Farms stockholder approval, and other customary closing conditions.

The acquisition consortium has committed equity and debt financing in place to complete the transaction.

Wayne Farms CEO Clint Rivers will lead the combined company.

Upon the completion of the transaction, Sanderson Farms will become a private company, and its shares will no longer be traded on NASDAQ.

BofA Securities acted as the financial advisor to Cargill and Freshfields

Bruckhaus Deringer (US) LLP acted as legal counsel. Gibson Dunn & Crutcher acted as tax counsel.

Centerview Partners LLC acted as financial advisor to Sanderson Farms and Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz and Fishman Haygood LLP acted as legal counsel.

Lazard acted as the financial advisor for Wayne Farms and Continental Grain, and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP acted as legal counsel.

STEM

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scholarships include college-level astronomy; biology; chemistry; computer science; engineering (EGR); geology; math; physical science; and physics.

The scholarships are in addition to both local scholarships and career technical education funds that are already used to provide more opportunities to Alabama high school students to attend dual enrollment classes.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA Division

IN RE: The estate of **JUDITH D. BRUNSON, Deceased.**

CASE NO. PC 2021-039

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JANICE McCALL as Personal Representative of the estate of **Judith D. Brunson**, deceased, on the 3rd day of April, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

IN RE: The Estate of **VIRGIL R. ROGERS, III** Deceased.

CASE NO. PC2021-061

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters of Administration *Cum Testamento Annexo* having been granted to Gypsy Morrow Smith, as Administratrix of the Estate of **Virgil R. Rogers, III**, deceased, on the 29th day of July, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

IN THE MATTER OF **BILLY HENRY SIMS, Deceased.**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC-2021-057

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of July 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 20th day of July 2021. /s/ **DAVID ALLEN SIMS** and **BRENDA KAYE PARKS** Joint Personal Representatives 7/29, 8/5 & 8/12-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF **RONNIE CRAWLEY DECEASED**

Probate No.: PC2021-060

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letter of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of July, 2021 by the Honorable **JODEE R. THOMPSON**, Judge of the Probate Court of COFFEE County,

Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Johnathan Crawley Administrator of the Estate of **RONNIE CRAWLEY, Deceased** c/o Jordan Reeves Brooks, Esq.

DOTHAN LAW GROUP, LLC 344 North Oates Street Dothan, Alabama 36303 8/5,12,19-pd.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Jay Chamunda, LLC and Chetankumar Gohel, individual on January 13, 2012, said Mortgage being recorded January 18, 2013 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, in OFFREC Book 585, Page 230. Millennium Investment Group, LLC as Lender and Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise Alabama, on September 7, 2021, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to-wit:

A 0.76 acre, more or less, parcel of land in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, being in and a part of the NE ¼ of SW ¼, Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 22 East, Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a calculated point at the intersection of the southeast right-of-way (ROW) of Alabama Highway #27 (60' ROW) and the West ROW of Coffee County #706 (50' ROW) and run thence South 15 degrees 04 minutes 48 seconds East 30.00 feet along said #706 to an existing ½" pipe and the Point of Beginning. Thence continue along said #706 South 15 degrees 04 minutes 48 seconds East 203.94 feet to a set 5/8" rebar (Cap #CA0642); thence South 76 degrees 58 minutes 33 seconds West 181.43 feet to a set 5/8" rebar (Cap #CA0642); thence North 49 degrees 04 minutes 41 seconds West 87.13 feet to a set 5/8" rebar (Cap #CA0642) at the southeast ROW of Alabama Highway #27 (60' ROW); thence North 40 degrees 55 minutes 19 seconds East 247.50 feet along said southeast ROW to an existing ½" rebar (Cap #CA0065) at the beginning of a 30 foot flare; thence South 77 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds East 28.14 feet along the said flare to the Point of Beginning. Property street address: 640 Bellwood Road, Enterprise, AL 36330

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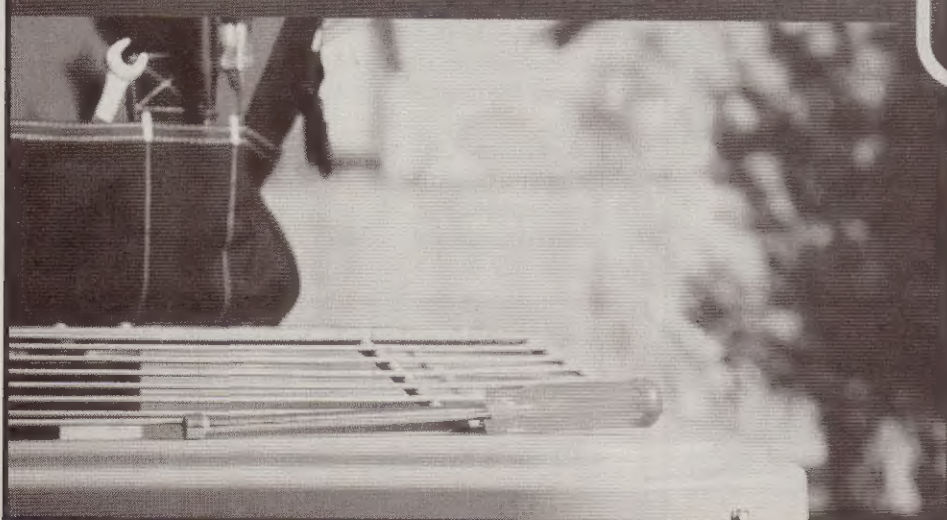
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Well, school started last week and our grandson Lawson is now officially in the fifth grade. He attended several different daycares during his early years as his Mom began her career in education, but has been a student at Elba for the past six years, including kindergarten, and can now say he a true Elba Tiger!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers pulled on the pads* over the weekend for a trip down to Miller Memorial Stadium for a scrimmage and it was good to see that the number of players wearing the black and gold of Elba High had grown greatly over recent years. Coach Sieving and his coaches have been hard at work rebuilding the program since last season and it looks like the hard work is paying off. With a trio of 3A teams on the schedule and a host of very talented region foes to battle the schedule will be anything but easy. However, I've got the feeling that is just how Coach Sieving and his Tigers want it, and are determined to be a 2A contender.

*** *I know every team in the area is undefeated* at this point in the preseason, but I have been reading about the teams in the area and am convinced optimism is contagious! Brantley will begin the season ranked #1 in Class 1A, while Zion Chapel returns its big men in the trenches on both sides of the ball and is ready to play its brand of smash mouth football, Kinston has some very talented players and has no doubts it will be a playoff contender, and New Brockton is filled with skill folks and massive people up front and can't wait to hit the field. The season is only one week away and it's time to find your team colors and get ready to support your favorite teams.

*** *I completed the preseason look at the schedules* of the teams in the area this week and maybe now all area fans can make their plans to support their favorite teams. One interesting note was the teams the area teams have on their schedules that were outside their regions. 2A Elba, which is 4-13 against teams in higher classifications since 1984, will play a trio of 3A opponents in Daleville, Opp and Providence Christian, while 2A Zion Chapel, which is 0-2 against teams in higher classifications, will play a trio of 1A foes in Kinston, Samson and Pleasant Home; 3A New Brockton, which is 0-5 against teams in higher classifications, will take the field against 2A Cottonwood, 1A Georgiana, 4A W.S.Neal and AHSAA newcomer Northside Methodist; 1A Kinston, which is 0-4 against teams in higher classifications, will oppose 3A Houston Academy, 2A Zion Chapel and 1A Barbour County; and, 1A Brantley, which is 5-14 against teams in higher classifications, will play 2A Luverne, 2A Highland Home and 5A Charles Henderson. The non-region opponents give you an idea of what kind of team the area teams expect to have and where they are looking for extra wins on the ledger.

*** *The officials at the University of Alabama* gave their approval to Coach Nick Saban's new contract last week and the new eight-year deal is worth \$84.8 million for the Crimson Tide's ultra-successful football coach. The contract includes \$800,000 per year for each year from 2021-2025 that Saban remains the head coach, and also includes other possible bonuses that could make it even more lucrative. It was the sixth time Coach Saban has received a new contract since he arrived at Tuscaloosa back in 2007, and while the salary has risen from \$4 million to over \$10 million per year, most Bama fans and school officials obviously believe the coach is worth the money since annual athletic revenue during that time has skyrocketed from \$67 million to \$189 million. Just to help you understand what Coach Saban makes, his monthly paycheck will now be \$725,383.41.

*** *In closing*, I urge all high school football fans to go ahead and call their school offices and find out just how they will purchase game tickets this season. Many schools went to internet sales only last season and didn't sell tickets at the gate, and it would be a shame for a carload of fans to head out and then not get to watch the game. Just a thought. Of course, if you do have to sit in your car you can always listen to me on the radio and I'll do my best to keep you informed of what is going on. It's probably better to attend the game in person.

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Season opener Aug. 20

Tigers are ready to hit the field

With the kickoff of the high school football season only a week away, Elba coach Marc Sieving reports his Tigers are ready to play.

"We still have a lot of work to do in a very short time," stated Sieving, "but the players are ready to get on the field and I'll admit that we as coaches are anxious to also get the season underway. Last week was the official start of preseason practice and we went out three days in shorts and helmets and one day in shorts and shoulder pads. We had a scrimmage Saturday night and got to watch the players in a game-type situation, but with just two weeks in pads before our first game it forces us to probably try to get a little too much done in a short period of time."

"Playing on the first possible date is not always the best thing to do," added Sieving, "but it does give us an open date before the opening round of the playoffs. So, I guess either you get an extra week of work before the season starts or you get a week before the playoffs to recover after the ten week regular season. Next season

the AHSAA will allow teams that do not have spring training to begin fall practice a week early, and that will be something I expect a lot of teams to take a look at."

"This week has been a busy week as we have been doing a lot of hitting and have begun to get ready for an opponent," aid Sieving. "Everyone is still working hard to improve in everything they do and we are working to come together as a team at the same time. The learning process never ends, whether before the season, during the season or in the off-season, and we are still learning every day as players and coaches. We have a big senior class that has stepped forward and is providing leadership to the younger players, and we are looking at the seniors to accept the challenge ahead and leave their legacy as Elba Tigers."

The Tigers will conduct another scrimmage on Friday, Aug. 13, on the high school practice field, with officials present, as the learning process continues toward the season opener on Aug. 20, at Daleville.



CHRYSTYLE CALDWELL.... made a verbal committment last week to attend the University of South Alabama next season on a football scholarship. The Tiger senior is expected to be a leader this season for the Tigers on and off the field.

Elba ranked #8 in 2A*Brantley ranked #1 in preseason 1A poll*

The Alabama Sportswriters Association released its preseason high school football rankings last week and sitting atop the Class 1A standings were the Brantley Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs were ranked #1 in the 1A poll throughout the season a year ago, but lost in the semifinal round to eventual state champion Lenden.

Five of the seven defending state champions were ranked atop their classifications, including 7A Thompson, 6A Pinson Valley, 5A St. Paul's, 3A Fyffe and 2A Mars Hill. Thompson will be seeking its third straight title in the state's largest classification, while Fyffe will enter the season with a 45-game winning streak and will hunting its fourth straight championship.

Following is the complete preseason poll:

CLASS 7A**Team (first-place); 2020 W-L; Pts**

1. Thompson (23); 14-0; 276
2. Hoover; 11-2; 191
3. Auburn; 11-2; 188
4. Hewitt-Trussville; 9-3; 171
5. Central-Phenix City; 8-5; 140
6. Theodore; 10-2; 112
7. Daphne; 10-2; 77
8. Austin; 8-3; 58
9. James Clemens; 8-3; 45
10. Enterprise; 7-4; 36

Others receiving votes: Oak Mountain (7-5) 17.

CLASS 6A**Team (first-place); 2020 W-L; Pts**

1. Pinson Valley (21); 12-2; 268
2. Spanish Fort; 11-4; 207
3. Clay-Chalkville (2); 11-2; 192
4. Opelika; 9-3; 140
5. Briarwood; 9-3; 139
6. Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa; 9-3; 102
7. McGill-Toolen; 7-3; 91
8. Mountain Brook; 11-2; 57
9. Eufaula; 9-3; 41
10. Oxford; 11-2; 23

Others receiving votes: Hartselle (7-4) 20, Helena (7-5) 10, Saraland (11-3) 9, Carver-Montgomery (7-4) 6, Homewood (7-5) 3, Pelham (8-3) 2, Fort Payne (7-4) 1.

CLASS 5A**Team (first-place); 2020 W-L; Pts**

1. St. Paul's (23); 15-0; 276
2. Faith Academy; 11-2; 182
3. Pleasant Grove; 11-3; 161
4. Pike Road; 11-1; 152
5. Guntersville; 10-1; 133
6. Central-Clay County; 11-2; 102

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7. Leeds; 9-3; 99
8. UMS-Wright; 8-5; 82
9. Alexandria; 11-2; 31
10. Russellville; 10-3; 28

Others receiving votes: Andalusia (7-4) 25, Tallassee (3-7) 22, Center Point (7-4) 12, East Limestone (6-4) 4, Fairview (10-2) 1, Sylacauga (7-3) 1.

CLASS 4A**Team (first-place); 2020 W-L; Pts**

1. Gordo (16); 13-2; 246
2. Handley (7); 12-1; 203
3. Madison Academy; 10-1; 196
4. American Christian; 13-1; 157
5. Williamson; 7-4; 122
6. Jacksonville; 7-4; 68
7. West Limestone; 11-2; 66
8. Mobile Christian; 9-2; 60
9. Vigor; 5-5; 58
10. Etowah; 9-4; 48

Others receiving votes: Jackson (6-5) 18, St. James (7-4) 16, Anniston (4-7) 13, Montevallo (6-5) 13, Deshler (6-5) 11, Madison County (8-3) 7, Bibb County (10-3) 6, Brooks (6-5) 2, Good Hope (10-2) 1.

CLASS 3A**Team (first-place); 2020 W-L; Pts**

1. Fyffe (21); 15-0; 270
2. Piedmont (2); 12-2; 206
3. Catholic-Montgomery; 12-2; 177
4. Hillcrest-Evergreen; 6-5; 121
5. Montgomery Academy; 13-1; 118
6. Slocomb; 10-2; 81
7. Plainview; 10-2; 80
8. Ohattee; 11-2; 68
9. Flomaton; 8-3; 58
10. Opp; 8-4; 55

Others receiving votes: Bayside Academy (8-3) 28, Thomasville (10-2) 20, Reeltown (5-5) 12, Dadeville (6-4) 5, T.R. Miller (9-3) 5, Daleville (1-9) 3, Oakman (7-4) 2, Excel (2-8) 1, Southside-Selma (6-5) 1.

CLASS 2A**Team (first-place); 2020 W-L; Pts**

1. Mars Hill (17); 13-2; 255
2. Lanett (6); 10-3; 223
3. Abbeville; 12-2; 169
4. Clarke County; 8-3; 158
5. North Sand Mountain; 11-2; 131
6. Geneva County; 8-4; 105
7. Spring Garden; 12-2; 74
8. Elba; 6-4; 62
9. Westbrook Christian; 10-2; 53
10. Falkville; 8-3; 43

Others receiving votes: Red Bay (9-2) 33, West End-Walnut Grove (4-6) 3, B.B. Comer (9-2) 1, J.U. Blacksher (3-7) 1.

CLASS 1A**Team (first-place); 2020 W-L; Pts**

1. Brantley (19); 13-1; 261
2. Sweet Water (1); 8-3; 192
3. Pickens County (1); 11-4; 186
4. Linden (1); 14-0; 162
5. Maplesville (1); 10-2; 143
6. Decatur Heritage; 9-3; 130
7. Millry; 8-3; 86
8. McKenzie; 8-3; 52
9. Cedar Bluff; 6-5; 38
10. Loachapoka; 5-6; 33

Others receiving votes: Berry (11-2) 23, Florala (8-3) 4, Winterboro (9-2) 1.

**Elba High School's
State Championship Ring Ceremony
for the 2021 Golf Team
will be Thursday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m.,
in the high school auditorium**

SPORTS NEWS

Zion Chapel looks for winning season

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to erase the 2020 football season from the history books this season as they return to their home field after a year on the road and are determined to return to their winning ways of the past.

The Rebels, in their 60th year on the gridiron, struggled to a 1-9 record and a nine-game losing streak last season as they averaged 12.6 point per game and allowed 38.4 points a game. Zion Chapel has a 201-391-1 all-time record, but 121 of the wins have come at home, and with five games at home the Rebels are looking to add to that total.

Head coach Randy Bryant will be back for his fifth season leading the troops, and has a 14-27 record, including one trip to the playoffs.

Following is a preview of this season's schedule:

KINSTON

Zion Chapel will kick off its season on the road against its cross-county rivals from Kinston. The Bulldogs are coming off a 2-7 season in which they averaged 13.3 points a game and allowed 29.3 points a game, and enjoyed their last winning season back in 2014. Over the last three years the Bulldogs record is 7-22. Coach Rudy Free will be back for his third year and owns a 5-14 record.

ABBEVILLE

Zion Chapel will swing into region play in week #2 when they hit the road for a clash with the 2020 2A state runners-up from Abbeville. The Yellowjackets have posted four straight winning seasons and last season averaged 38.9 points a game and allowed 20.9 points a game in its run to the state finals. Coach LaBrian Stewart is back for his second year with the 'Jackets and has a 12-2 record.

ELBA

Zion Chapel will finally play at home in week #3 when it hosts the Elba Tigers, in a key region match-up. The Tigers have posted 14 straight winning seasons, but came in with a 6-4 record a year ago and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2006. Elba averaged 38.6 points a game and allowed 23.5 points a game a year ago under first year head coach March Sieving.

HOUSTON COUNTY

Zion Chapel will be back on the road in week #4 when it travels for a region contest with the Houston County Lions. The Lions averaged 17.7 points a game and allowed 34.8 points a game a year ago as they stumbled to a 1-9 record, their third straight losing season after back-to-back winning seasons in 2016-2017. Head coach Chip Harris will be back for his second year with the Lions and in sixteen years at numerous schools has a career record of 84-86.

SAMSON

Zion Chapel will return home in week #5 and will host the Samson Tigers in a non-region clash. The Tigers are

coming off a 6-4 season a year ago, their first winning season since 2016, and averaged 18 points a game and allowed 24.3 points a game on its way to the playoffs. Coach Jason Wambles is back for his fourth season at Samson and has led the Tigers to a 14-16 slate.

G.W. LONG

Zion Chapel will stay at home in week #6 when it hosts the G.W. Long Rebels, in a big region encounter. The Rebels from Dale County are coming off a 9-2 season in which they averaged 32.6 points a game and allowed 14.4 points a game, and enjoyed their second straight winning season after posting only three wins the previous two years. New head coach David Watts will be leading the Rebels and has a career head coaching record of 3-17 during a two-year stop at Georgiana.

ARITON

Zion Chapel will be at home for the third straight game in week #7 as it hosts the Arton Purple Cats, in another key region battle. The Purple Cats suffered their first losing season since 2015 a year ago in posting a 5-6 record, but did advance to the state playoffs for the sixth straight season and averaged 26.9 points a game while allowing 26 points a game. Coach Steven Kilcrease will return for his fifth year with the 'Cats and has a 40-20 record at Arton.

COTTONWOOD

Zion Chapel will hit the road for a week #8 region contest with the Cottonwood Bears. The Bears are coming off a 2-7 season in which they averaged 19.2 points a game and allowed 33.7 points a game, and have now missed the playoffs for six straight seasons. Head coach Dustin Harrison will be in his second year with the Bear and has a career coaching record of 16-25 after four years on the sidelines.

GENEVA COUNTY

Zion Chapel will close out its home schedule in week #9 when it hosts the Geneva County Bulldogs, in the final region game of the season. The Bulldogs averaged 29.3 points a game and allowed 24.5 points a game last season in posting an 8-4 record, their most wins in a season since 2013. Coach Jim Bob Striplin will be back in his fifth year the helm of the Bulldogs and has a 28-26 record as the head man at Geneva County.

PLEASANT HOME

Zion Chapel will be on the road in week #10 for a non-region matchup with the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Eagles averaged 6.8 points a game and allowed 33.4 points a game last season in struggling to a 1-8 record, their fourth straight losing season. Pleasant Home has won only four games the last three years and has enjoyed a winning season only twice since 2002. New coach Jeremy Silcox will guide the Eagles this season.

be in his third year at Highland Home and has a 15-6 record.

SAMSON

Brantley will remain at home in week #6 for a region battle against the Samson Tigers. The Bulldogs own a 7-6 series edge and have won the last four contests. The Tiger are in their 99th year on the gridiron, have posted 52 winning seasons, and last season averaged 18 points a game and allowed 24.3 points a game in posting a 6-4 record. Coach Jason Wambles will be in his fourth year with the Tigers and owns a 14-16 record.

GEORGIANA

Brantley will close out its three-game home stand in week #7 when it hosts the Georgiana Panthers. The Panthers own a 23-13 series edge, but the Bulldogs have won the last two meetings. Georgiana is in its 97th year on the gridiron, has posted 52 winning seasons and last season averaged 19.8 points a game and allowed 30.8 points a game in struggling to a 4-5 record. Coach Berry Bess will be in his first season with the Panthers.

RED LEVEL

Brantley will head back out on the road for a week #8 region clash with the Red Level Tigers. The Bulldogs own a 42-14 series edge and have won the last 17 meetings. The Tigers are in their 103rd year on the gridiron, have posted 36 winning seasons, and last season averaged 11.6 points a game and allowed 26 points a game in posting a 2-7 record. Coach Kenny Skipper is in his fifth year with the Tiger and has an 8-31 record.

FLORALA

Brantley will return home for a week #9 region showdown with the Florala Wildcats. The Bulldogs own a 24-3-1 series edge and have won the last 23 meetings. The Wildcats are in their 102nd season on the gridiron, have posted 47 winning seasons, and last season averaged 41.2 points a game and allowed 19.4 points a game in posting a 8-3 record, their second straight winning season after four straight losing seasons. Coach Chris Littleton will be in his second season at the helm in Florala.

CHARLES HENDERSON

Brantley will close out the regular season at home when it hosts the 5A Charles Henderson Trojans, from Troy. The Trojans own a 4-1-1 series edge, but the teams have not played since the 1957 season. Charles Henderson is in its 101st season on the gridiron, has posted 63 winning seasons, and last year averaged 7 points a game and allowed 24.8 points a game in posting a 1-8 record, its third straight losing season. Coach Quinn Hambrite will be in his first season as the head coach for the Trojans.

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SEPT. 3	at, ABBEVILLE
SEPT. 10	ELBA
SEPT. 17	at, HOUSTON CO.
SEPT. 24	SAMSON
OCT. 1	G.W. LONG
OCT. 8	ARITON
OCT. 15	at, COTTONWOOD
OCT. 22	GENEVA COUNTY
OCT. 29	at, PLEASANT HOME

Elba fans can still listen to games on WVVL FM

Elba Tiger football fans will once again be able to listen to the Tigers this season on WVVL FM 101 'The Ball.'

Station owner Mike Holderfield announced last week that five Elba games will be broadcast live on FM 101, while five games will be available streaming on the WVVL website at weevil101.com.

Games to be broadcast live will be (Aug.20) Daleville, (Aug.27) Opp, (Sept.10) Zion Chapel, (Sept.24) Providence Christian and (Oct.15) Arton. Games streamed on the internet will be (Sept.3) G.W. Long, (Sept.17) Cottonwood, (Oct.1) Geneva County, (Oct.8) Abbeville, and (Oct.22) Houston County.

"We have been



broadcasting Elba Tiger football since the days of replays on Saturday mornings on WELB," said Holderfield, "and plan on always supporting the Tigers, and the City of Elba. The location of our station has changed over the years, but we are still Elba's radio station and hope all our listeners will listen to our new 'all sports' format on FM 101."

Ricky Mularz will once again be the play-by-play announcer on all games, with pregame comments beginning at 6:45.

BRANTLEY
BULLDOGS

AUG.27	at, LUVERNE
SEPT.3	KINSTON
SEPT.10	at, MCKENZIE
SEPT.17	at, PL. HOME
SEPT.24	HIGHLAND HOME
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Elba Tigers hold Black and Gold scrimmage game at Miller Memorial Stadium



The Elba Tigers, under the leadership of head coach Marc Sieving, put on the pads and helmets last Saturday evening, Aug. 7, and participated in a "Black and Gold" scrimmage game at Elba's Miller Memorial Stadium in downtown Elba.

Not only did this game provide insight for the coaches and players as they prepare for the 2021 football season, but it also gave fans a preview of things to come.

Here are some scenes from the scrimmage game provided by BCSports Photography.



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